

## ENROLLED ORIGINAL

## A RESOLUTION

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to allow drivers residing outside of the District of Columbia to register a single vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles for use as a taxicab.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Emergency Declaration of 2007”.

Sec. 2 (a) There exists an immediate crisis regarding the registration of vehicles owned by out-of-state drivers for use as taxicabs within the District of Columbia.

(b) During Council Period XIII, the Council passed legislation (D.C. Law 13-289) to prohibit out-of-state residents from registering vehicles within the District of Columbia, subject to certain narrowly defined exceptions. At the time, the Council did not realize that the legislation would have ended the long-standing practice by which out-of-state residents registered a single vehicle within the District of Columbia for use as a taxicab within the District of Columbia.

(c) If the District enforces D.C. Law 13-289 as written, as many as 80% of all District taxicabs would be forced to operate under constraints that would be inappropriate for both taxicab drivers and the District taxicab regulators, or else be removed from the street entirely. Either outcome is contrary to the interest of District residents.

(d) To avoid this undesirable outcome, the Department of Motor Vehicles has adopted a policy of grandfathering in existing vehicles. This grandfathering is being done without statutory authority.

(e) The passage of this legislation, on an emergency basis, will provide a statutory basis for grandfathering in existing out-of-state taxicab drivers. Grandfathering in existing drivers will encourage taxicab drivers to continue to replace outmoded vehicles, while allowing for an orderly process under which the District will ultimately conform to both the letter and spirit of D.C. Law 13-289.

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Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Emergency Amendment Act of 2007 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.